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for each child node that is a subordination node;

parent;

parent incremented by 1;

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discourse having a lowest level m and a highest level n so that $m \leq p \leq n$;

level p;

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an input device;

a memory;

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a controller that selects a theory of discourse from the input

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17. The system of claim 16, further comprising a reviewing circuit that reviews the analyzed text building units for consistency with the selected theory of discourse.

18. The system of claim 16, further comprising a structural representation building circuit to create a structural representation of the text building units according to the selected theory of discourse.

5 19. The system of claim 16, further comprising a concept highlighting circuit to highlight user designated important concepts.

20. The system of claim 16, further comprising a summary generating circuit that generates a summary based on the selected theory of discourse.

10 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the summary generating circuit identifies the root node and assigns it a rank; recursively selects each remaining child node and for each child node that is a coordination node or a binary node, assigns each remaining child node the rank of the parent; for each child node that is a subordination node, assigns the rank of the parent to the subordinating node and the rank of the parent + 1 to the subordinated node.

15 22. The system of claim 20, further comprising a concept comparator circuit.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the concept comparator circuit provides a ratio of words from the user designated important concepts that are identified in the summary.

20 24. The system of claim 18, wherein the structural representation is a tree structure.